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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

4223rd meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. No exit without strategy

Letter dated 6 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2000/1072)

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

4 p.m.-
7 p.m.

11th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 7

Presentation by Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III), and by representatives of the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.

5th meeting

Conference Room 1

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/237 and Add.1) [8]

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| 10 a.m. | 62nd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| 3 p.m. | 63rd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]: for the sole purpose of taking action on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto
 - (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/55/383 and Add.1)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/383, paragraph 121)
 2. Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children [42]
 - (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/55/43 (Parts I and II))
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/429)
 - (c) Draft resolution (A/55/L.34)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. | 34th meeting | Conference
Room 2 |
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1. Macroeconomic policy questions [92]
 - (a) Trade and development
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.29
 - (b) Commodities
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28
 2. Sectoral policy questions [93]
 - (b) Business and development
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32
 3. Environment and sustainable development [95]
 - (d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30
 - (f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31
 4. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [94]
Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

5. Environment and sustainable development [95]

Action on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/55/L.6 and L.33; A/C.2/55/L.9 and L.27; A/C.2/55/L.11 and L.26

6. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7 and Rev.1

7. Operational activities for development [96]

Conclusion of the item

8. Globalization and interdependence [100]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.16

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. | informal consultations
(closed) | Conference
Room 5 |
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- Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))
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| 3 p.m.-
6 p.m. | informal consultations
(closed) | Conference
Room 3 |
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Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 29th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164] (A/55/37, A/55/179 and Add.1 and A/C.6/55/L.2)

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.6 and Corr.1 (programme budget implications contained in A/C.6/55/L.21)

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162]

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.11

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 30th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [161] (A/55/26)

Introduction and action on the report and draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.9

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 15 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 15 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) *today*, 15 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

There will be a meeting on the United Nations Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA), organized by the delegation of Guatemala, *today*, 15 November 2000, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	64th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	65th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

*Informal consultations on agenda
item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting) in Conference Room 7, to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2000

The proposed informal consultations to consider the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1) have been postponed until Monday, 20 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat
Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious
Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be open from Monday, 20 November, through Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a closed meeting of the African Group Ad Hoc Working Group on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 10 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 54th, 55th and 56th meetings

Note: The summary of the 54th, 55th and 56th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/223)

Tuesday, 14 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4221st meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/2000/1023)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/32).

4222nd meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Austria and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In the absence of objection, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the

Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Canada, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mali, Ukraine, Namibia and France (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associates with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as Norway, EFTA country member of EEA, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Statements were then made by the representatives of Austria and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Mr. Guéhenno responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

61st plenary meeting

Election of one member of the Economic and Social Council: letter from the Permanent Representative of Greece addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/523) [15 (b)]

The attention of the General Assembly was drawn to a letter from the Permanent Representative of Greece addressed to the President of the General Assembly, by which Greece

announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the years 2001 and 2002, in favour of Malta (A/55/523).

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Malta was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining two-year term of office beginning 1 January 2001.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft decision (A/55/L.4) [18]

The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft decision A/55/L.4.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/55/L.4.

Members were informed that the date for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples would be announced at a later date.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/55/L.31) [45]

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.31.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Croatia, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Ukraine, Malaysia, Turkey, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.31 (resolution 55/24).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 45.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that it would consider the reports of the First Committee on Monday, 20 November 2000, in the afternoon.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 27th meeting

Questions relating to information [87]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Singapore, Myanmar, Mongolia, Egypt, Qatar, Bangladesh, Togo, Jamaica (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community), Croatia, Pakistan, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belarus, Gabon, Portugal (on behalf of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries), Angola, Brazil, Ghana, Algeria and Cameroon.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A and B and the draft decision contained in document A/55/21.

The representative of Armenia made a statement.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 87.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairman made a concluding statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

28th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of ASEAN), Madagascar, China, Sri Lanka, Cuba, Pakistan, Iraq, the Philippines, Slovakia, Saudi Arabia, Guatemala, the Sudan and Lebanon.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.15

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Israel in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 155.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.8 (and Corr. 1)

Nigeria and Thailand joined as sponsors of the draft resolution, as amended.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 156.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**International Covenant on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights****COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2000

56th meeting

Opening of the session

The twenty-fourth session was declared open by the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as amended (E/C.12/2000/9).

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/2000/L.3).

57th meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organizations with respect to reports scheduled for consideration at the current session.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2000

58th and 59th meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Portugal (E/1994/104/Add.20). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

*Ratification: Switzerland (14 November 2000)**

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

*Ratification: Switzerland (14 November 2000)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Television Forum

The fifth annual United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "TV@Globe//Adding Values in the Digital Era" will take place on 16 and 17 November 2000. The Forum will be opened by Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information, on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Following opening statements by Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly, and Mr. Gerhard Pfanzeller, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum will engage in a dialogue with the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. The Forum will then hold a discussion on "How Are Television and News Media Bridging the Digital Divide?" Workshops/ roundtables on innovative programming in news and education will be held in the afternoon, followed by a roundtable on television and social advocacy. The Forum will continue on Friday, 17 November, in the morning, with additional workshops and a roundtable devoted to innovative programming in sports, the radio model and digital visionaries. The closing meeting of the Forum will take place in the afternoon. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

DPI/NGO Briefing

At this week's DPI/NGO Briefing, the Executive Director of United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and other speakers will give a briefing on the aims and objectives of the International Year of Volunteers, 2001, on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan, NGO Section, Department of Information (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

Special event

In observance of the International Day for Tolerance and to mark the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, a special event on the theme "Creating Peace Through Arts" will take place on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The event is sponsored by UNESCO, the NGO Peace Caucus and 2001 (a People's Conference on Peace). Opening remarks will be made by Ms. Nane Annan and Mr. Alfatih Hamad of UNESCO, followed by a roundtable to be introduced by Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNESCO Office of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-5986).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room
Solomon Islands

Morning* 4224th meeting Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Letter dated 10 November 2000, from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1088)

10.45 a.m. 4225th meeting Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

3 p.m.- 12th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7
6 p.m.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

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| 10 a.m. | 64th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| 1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: fourth report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.3) [8] | | |
| 2. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59] | | |
| 3 p.m. | 65th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59] | | |

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a) and L.28 (item 92 (b)))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Nicolescu (Romania) Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b) and L.8 (item 94 (b)))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.31 (item 95 (f))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

3 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 3

- Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Human resources management [123]

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.8

- United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/C.5/55/526)

United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

Conclusion of general discussion

- Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/55/482 and A/55/516)

General discussion

Afternoon*-
6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 1

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States [160]

Introduction and action on draft resolutions A/C.6/55/L.16; A/C.6/55/L.16/Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/C.6/55/L.16 (Arabic only)*

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [157] A/C.6/55/L.12, A/C.6/55/L.19, and A/C.6/55/L.19* (Spanish only)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/55/L.19 and A/C.6/55/L.19 (Spanish only)*

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [165]

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.18

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 32nd meeting Conference Room 1

Observer Status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Introduction on draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first substantive session

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 12th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2] (A/AC.257/10/Add.1)

Action on draft proposal A/AC.257/L.4

2. Draft Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee
3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1)
4. Closure of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 16 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.20 (item 95 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 92 (a) (A/C.2/55/L.19), 94 (a) and 101)

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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AFRICAN GROUP: AD HOC WORKING GROUP

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 101, 92 (c) and (92 (d) (A/C.2/55/L.3)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of Western African States *today*, 16 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) will be held *today*, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today* and *tomorrow*, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 17 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	66th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	67th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

*Informal consultations on agenda
item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Committees**SECOND COMMITTEE***Briefing*

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Emerging technologies", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organization and the United Nations University, on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination will be the moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Lesotho to the United Nations, Dr. Charles Riemenschneider, Director of the North American Office of the Food and Agricultural Organization, Professor Eugene Skolnikoff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and United Nations University and Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

SECURITY COUNCIL

The 13th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL*Resumed substantive session of 2000*

The proposed informal consultations to consider the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1) have been postponed until Monday, 20 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

**United Nations Convention to Combat
Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious
Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be open from Monday, 20 November, through Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (*on agenda items 12 and 102*) on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (*on agenda items 99 (A/C.2/55/L.18), 102 and 173*) on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (*on environmental issues*) on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by a Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2001) on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 10 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

54th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.27/Rev.1

The Secretary read out an oral statement on conference servicing implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria further revised the revised draft resolution, and announced that Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Croatia and Kazakhstan joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

A statement was made by the United States.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.48/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt announced that the Sudan had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Guyana and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Algeria.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (also on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, Norway and the Republic of Korea) and Japan made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by a recorded vote of 91 to 44, with 15 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

55th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bangladesh joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada, after which the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway announced that Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Togo and Vanuatu had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that the Philippines had withdrawn as a sponsor.

The representative of Egypt made a statement during the course of which he requested a separate recorded vote on operative paragraph 20 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 20 of the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 118 to none, with 30 abstentions.

After the adoption of operative paragraph 20, statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, India, the Sudan, the United States, Algeria, Canada and Norway.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Norway.

The representatives of Ghana and Burundi made statements regarding their votes.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, India and the Dominican Republic.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of South Africa announced that Botswana and Indonesia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Chad, Chile and Cyprus joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.69

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa announced that Botswana, Estonia, Indonesia, Morocco, the Philippines and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Malta, Nicaragua, Nepal, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.2

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States announced that Albania and Lithuania had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution, and orally corrected the text.

Subsequently, Iceland, Israel and Latvia joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the revised draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Croatia, Venezuela, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bosnia and Herzegovina and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.51/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France announced that Australia and New Zealand had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sudan and the United States.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by a recorded vote of 75 to 30 with 45 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the Sudan; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Thailand and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

A statement was made by the representative of France.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.62/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France orally revised the draft resolution, and announced that Australia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further revised, by a recorded vote of 94 to 4 with 55 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Bangladesh and the Sudan.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.64

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revision that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Venezuela announced that Hungary, Luxembourg, Malta, Nicaragua, Panama, Romania, Switzerland and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Haiti.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of a number of documents under the sub-item, as well as under sub-item 114 (a).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 114 as a whole.

56th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.66

The Committee resumed action on the draft resolution.

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mauritania orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Canada, Denmark, France and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Chile, Croatia, Haiti, Honduras, Ireland and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471 and A/55/472.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 109.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.41

The Chairperson made a statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution.

It was announced that Eritrea, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Tunisia.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of China.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.47/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Chad and Ethiopia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, France (on behalf of the European Union), Japan (also on behalf of the Republic of Korea) and Australia.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 78 to 51, with 21 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand, the United States, Brazil, Argentina and Mali.

Statements were made by the representatives of Lesotho and Honduras regarding their votes.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Australia, Cyprus, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Slovenia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Canada and India.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.56/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba announced that Namibia and Mauritania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that Ghana was not a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Malaysia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Japan (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea and the United States) made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by a recorded vote of 91 to 50, with 13 abstentions.

The representative of Thailand made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/283 and A/55/302.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 114 (b).

*Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]**Draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2001-2002 (document A/C.3/55/L.61)*

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the document.

Following statements by the representatives of Lithuania, France and Haiti, the Committee adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 2001-2002, as orally revised and corrected.

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/55/3, in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

The Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Slovenia (on behalf of the group of Eastern European States), Guyana (on behalf of the CARICOM States), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the group of Asian States), Australia (on behalf of JUSCANZ), Mauritania (on behalf of the group of African States), Swaziland (on behalf of SADC), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab Group), Algeria, Benin (on behalf of the western African countries) and the Sudan.

Statements were also made by the representatives of New Zealand, Canada, Cuba and the United Kingdom.

The Chairperson declared the work of the Committee for the fifty-fifth session completed.

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4223rd meeting

No exit without strategy

Letter dated 6 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2000/1072)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa and Thailand, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, France,

Bangladesh, Canada, Argentina, Malaysia, China, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Namibia, Ukraine, Jamaica, Mali and the United Kingdom.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Indonesia and Rwanda, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Germany, Singapore, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand, Australia, Egypt, Italy, Norway, Denmark, the Philippines, Finland, Pakistan, Belarus, India, Slovakia, Ireland, Croatia and Rwanda, and by the President of the Council, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

62nd plenary meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

(a) *Report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/55/383 and Add.1)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/383 paragraph 121)*

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Committee and orally corrected the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee in paragraph 121 of its report (A/55/383).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Italy, Mexico, the Russian Federation and Poland.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in paragraph 121 of its report (A/55/383) as orally corrected by its Chairman (resolution 55/25).

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 105.

Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children [42]

(a) *Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/55/43 (Parts I and II))*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/429)*

(c) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.34)*

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 105.

Statements were made by the representatives of Monaco, Mexico, Egypt, India, Croatia, Cuba, Peru, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), by H. E. Mrs. Suzanna Stanik, Minister of Justice of Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic

of Moldova and Uzbekistan), and by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam, Norway, Colombia and by the Honourable Senator Landon Pearson, Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of Canada.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that it would take up agenda item 51 (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)) as the first item on Monday, 20 November 2000, in the morning.

63rd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 63rd plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/224).

GENERAL COMMITTEE

5th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/237 and Add.1) [8]

H.E. Mr. Santiago Nsobeya Efuman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Equatorial Guinea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly" (A/55/237 and Add.1).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

34th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [92]

(a) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.29

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Commodities

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sectoral policy questions [93]

(b) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30

The representative of the Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

The Secretary of the Committee made an statement.

The representative of Jamaica joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5, as orally revised.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

Action on the draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.6 and L.33

The representative of Nigeria announced that it had joined in co-sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.6.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.6.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.9 and L.27

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.27, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.9.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.27.

The representative of Ecuador made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.27, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.9 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.11 and L.26

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.26, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.11.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.26.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.26, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.11 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt made a statement before the vote.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 131 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote, were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 98.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

At the request of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee agreed to extend the deadline on item 92 (c) (External debt crisis and development), item 94 (a) (International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade) and item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) to Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at noon.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representative of Kenya and Uruguay.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

29th and 30th meetings

Note: The summary of the 29th and 30th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/224).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

*Ratification: United Republic of Tanzania (13 November 2000)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space. New York, 12 November 1974

*Accession: United Arab Emirates (7 November 2000)**

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention and articles 1 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY, 10017, Fax No. (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Television Forum

The fifth annual United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "TV@Globe//Adding Values in the Digital Era" will take place on 16 and 17 November 2000. The Forum will be opened by Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information, *today*, 16 November 2000, at 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Following opening statements by Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly, and Mr. Gerhard Pfanzeller, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum will engage in a dialogue with the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. The Forum will then hold a discussion on "How Are Television and New Media Bridging the Digital Divide?" At 2.30 p.m., there will be a roundtable on innovative programming in news in Conference Room 4, and a workshop on innovative programming in education in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. A roundtable on social advocacy will take place at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Forum will continue *tomorrow*, 17 November, in the morning, with additional workshops and a roundtable devoted to innovative programming in sports, the radio model and digital visionaries. The closing meeting of the Forum will take place in the afternoon. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

At this week's DPI/NGO Briefing, the Executive Director of United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and other speakers will give a briefing on the aims and objectives of the International Year of Volunteers, 2001, *today*, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan, NGO Section, Department of Information (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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Special event

In observance of the International Day for Tolerance and to mark the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, a special event on the theme "Creating Peace Through Arts" will take place *today*, 16 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kevin Cahill, President of the Center International Health and Cooperation. The event is sponsored by UNESCO, the NGO Peace Caucus and 2001 (a People's Conference on Peace). Opening remarks will be made by Ms. Nane Annan and Mr. Alfatih Hamad of UNESCO, followed by a roundtable to be introduced by Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNESCO Office of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-5986).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 16 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 17 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

4226th (closed) meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by the Secretary-General

Morning*

4227th meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

* Following the adjournment of the 4226th (closed) meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3 p.m.

13th (closed) meeting*

Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	66th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	67th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.3 (item 92 (d)) and L.25* (item 97)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Nicolescu (Romania) Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
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1. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134] (A/55/443 and A/55/531)

Introduction and general discussion

2. United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526)

United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning* - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1
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Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly [184]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20

Observer Status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163]

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 17 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)), and L.30 (item 95 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, today, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 17 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 17 November 2000

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 93 (a)) (A/C.2/55/L.22))

12 noon-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 94 (c)) (Culture and development))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) and 102 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries))

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 99 (A/C.2/55/L.18), 102 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) and 173 (Towards global partnerships))

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on environmental issues)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held *today*, 17 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will continue *today* 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 20 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 68th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [51]
2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/55/435) [53]
3. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [52]
 - (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the seventh annual report of the International Tribunal (A/55/273)
 - (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/55/382)

3 p.m. 69th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/55/551) [65]
2. Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States; maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/552) [66 and 67]
3. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/554) [68]
4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/555) [69]
5. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/556) [70]
6. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/55/557) [71]
7. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/55/558) [72]
8. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/559)* [73]
9. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/55/560)* [74]
10. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/55/561) [75]
11. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/562) [76]

* To be issued.

12. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/55/563) [77]
13. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/55/564) [78]
14. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/55/565) [79]
15. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/55/566) [80]
16. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/55/567) [81]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
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SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Committees**SECOND COMMITTEE***Panel Discussion*

There will be a panel discussion on "Emerging technologies", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organization and the United Nations University, on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination will be the moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Lesotho to the United Nations, Dr. Charles Riemenschneider, Director of the North American Office of the Food and Agricultural Organization, Professor Eugene Skolnikoff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and United Nations University and Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The resumed 12th meeting of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The 254th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10.30 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Committee, inter alia, will consider draft resolutions on the question of Palestine.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL*Resumed substantive session of 2000*

The proposed informal consultations to consider the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1) have been postponed until Monday, 20 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS, and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat
Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious
Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*List of speakers*

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be open from Monday, 20 November, through Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (on agenda items 20, 9^a (a), 102 and 50) on Saturday, 18 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies, representatives of non-governmental organizations, the media and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by a Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2001) on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

63rd plenary meeting

Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children [42]

(a) *Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/55/43 (Parts I and II))*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/429)*

(c) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.34)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Mongolia, Pakistan, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, South Africa, Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Belarus, Qatar, Venezuela, Fiji, Malaysia, Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement in the course of which she introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/55/L.34.

In accordance with the decisions taken by the General Assembly at its 62nd plenary meeting on 15 November 2000, statements were made by the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.34 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

29th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Uzbekistan (on behalf of Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and the Republic of Moldova), Maldives, Israel, Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Kyrgyzstan, Australia, Ethiopia, Belarus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen, Bangladesh, Brazil and Kuwait.

30th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

The representatives of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia made statements.

The representative of Egypt, the observer of Palestine, and the representatives of Uganda, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in the exercise of their right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 164.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [161]

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee (A/55/26).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Community), Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation and the United States.

The representative of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.9.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.9 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 161.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

The representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.6 and Corr.1 and orally amended it. The programme budget implications of the draft resolution were contained in A/C.6/55/L.21.

The representative of Chile explained the position of its delegation before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.6 and Corr.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 159.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [162]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.11.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of China spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.11 without a vote.

The Committee then concluded its consideration of agenda item 162.

Convention on Jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [157]

The Chairman of the Working Group on Jurisdictional immunities of States and their property reported on the results of the work of the Working Group.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and orally amended it.

It was announced that the following countries had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19: Chile, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Guatemala, Georgia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malta, Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Uganda and Ukraine.

The representative of France spoke.

The Chairman also spoke.

Thursday, 16 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4224th meeting

Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1088)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/33).

4225th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Austria and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Dr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Council began its consideration of the item, hearing a briefing by Dr. Kouchner.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Canada, China, Argentina, Malaysia, Tunisia, Jamaica, Namibia, Mali, Ukraine and France (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Dr. Kouchner responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

64th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: fourth report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.3) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the

General Assembly" and to allocate the additional item to the Sixth Committee.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Mexico, Australia, Bhutan, Viet Nam, Japan, France, Singapore, Algeria, Germany, Ukraine, Cuba, Senegal, Ireland, South Africa, the United States, India and Guatemala.

65th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 65th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/225).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

28th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.8.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

United Nations common system [124]

United Nations pension system [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation, Cuba and Egypt.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) *United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab Group), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Israel, Mexico, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and the United States.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Tuesday, 21 November, in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Manlan Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire).

Other matters

The Chairman informed the Committee that in connection with the consideration of agenda item 118 (Programme planning), the Bureaux of the Third and Fifth Committees agreed that during the Fifth Committee's informal consultations on Programme 19 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, representatives of the Third Committee would be invited to participate in those consultations which would take place on Friday, 17 November, in the morning, following the adjournment of the formal meeting.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela and Mexico.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

31st meeting

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States [160]

The representative of Ecuador introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.16, L.16* (Arabic only) and Corr.1 (Spanish only).

The representative of Slovenia explained the position of its delegation before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.16, L.16* (Arabic only) and Corr.1 (Spanish only) without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 160.

Convention on Jurisdictional immunities of States and their Property [157]

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, on behalf of the Group of Rio, Cuba, China, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Slovakia, France, Greece and Belgium.

It was announced that Bulgaria had joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and L.19* (Spanish only).

The representative of Germany read out the oral amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and L.19* (Spanish only).

The representative of Canada spoke.

The Secretary made a statement on conference service implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and L.19* (Spanish only), as orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 157.

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [165]

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.18.

The representative of Mexico spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.18 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 165.

32nd meeting

Observer Status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14 and orally amended it.

Observer Status for the Economic Community of Central African States [184]

Statements were made by the representatives of Equatorial Guinea, on behalf of the member States of the Economic Community of Central African States, Gabon, Cuba and France.

The representative of Equatorial Guinea introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20.

Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, France, Guinea, Italy, Mauritania and Sao Tome and Principe joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 184.

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Corrigendum to the 34th meeting of the SECOND COMMITTEE (see Journal No. 2000/223, p.16) : before the title Deadline for submission of draft proposals : insert the following:

Operational activities for development [96]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

The Committee was informed that there were no draft proposals submitted under the agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/271.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 96.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.55/L.16

The Chairman announced that Canada, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Fiji, Thailand and Slovenia, had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union) announced that it had joined as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Chairman announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first session

12th meeting

Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

A/AC.257/10/Add.1

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Nigeria, China and Algeria.

The Committee approved the additional list of non-governmental organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Committee for accreditation in the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international intergovernmental event on financing for development, as contained in document A/AC.257/10/Add.1, subject to comments received by 1 December.

Following a statement by the representative of China, the Committee agreed to extend the accreditation of non-governmental organizations and business sector entities in the substantive preparatory process beyond 1 January 2001.

The Co-Chairman made a statement in connection with the hearings held with the Civil Society, 6-7 November and the upcoming hearings with the Business Sector, 11-12 December.

Adoption of draft decision A/C.3/55/L.4

The Committee had before it a draft decision A/C.3/55/L.4 submitted by the Bureau.

The Secretary read out a statement from the Controller of the United Nations in connection with the draft decision, which will be annexed to the final report of the Preparatory Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Kenya, Canada, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Australia, the United States, Cuba, Norway, Chile, Guyana, Japan, New Zealand and Pakistan.

The Committee decided to appoint a facilitator, Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), to coordinate further discussions on the draft decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, France, Chile, the United States, Saint Lucia and Mexico.

The 12th meeting of the Committee was suspended until Monday, 20 November.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**International Covenant on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights**

**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2000

60th meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Portugal (E/1994/104/Add.20).

61st meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Finland (E/C.12/4/Add.1). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

*Accession: Viet Nam (16 November 2000)**

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15 November 2000

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention and articles 1 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY. 10017, Fax No. (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Television Forum

The fifth annual United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "TV@Globe//Adding Values in the Digital Era" will continue *today*, 17 November 2000. At 9 a.m. there will be workshops on "Innovative programming in sports" in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and "The radio model" in Conference Room 4. A roundtable on "Digital visionaries" will take place at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The closing meeting "Charting our future", will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 20 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.

4228th (closed) meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report of the Security Council mission to East Timor and Indonesia*

* Troop-Contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) are expressly invited to participate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.

68th plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [51]
2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/55/435) [53]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

3. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [52]
 - (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the seventh annual report of the International Tribunal (A/55/273)
 - (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/55/382)
4. Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children: draft resolution (A/55/L.34/Rev.1) [42]

3 p.m.

69th plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/55/551) [65]
2. Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States; maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/552) [66 and 67]
3. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/554) [68]
4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/555) [69]
5. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/556) [70]
6. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/55/557) [71]
7. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/55/558) [72]
8. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/559) [73]
9. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/55/560) [74]
10. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/55/561) [75]
11. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/562) [76]
12. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/55/563) [77]
13. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/55/564) [78]
14. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/55/565) [79]
15. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/55/566) [80]
16. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/55/567) [81]

*Informal consultations on agenda
item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

- 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 2
1. Training and research [97]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35
 2. Globalization and interdependence [100]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36
 3. Macroeconomic policy questions [92]
(c) External debt crisis and development
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38
 4. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101] (A/55/74, 139, 315, 375 and 459 and A/C.2/55/6)
Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514) and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499)))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/C.5/55/16))

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL
EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT*Resumed first substantive session*

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2
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1. Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2]

Action on draft proposal A/AC.257/L.4

2. Draft Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee
3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1)
4. Closure of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2000

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), to discuss the recommended draft decision contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 20 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/55/L.20 (item 95 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Emerging technologies", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organization and the United Nations University, on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination will be the moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Lesotho to the United Nations, Dr. Charles Riemenschneider, Director of the North American Office of the Food and Agricultural Organization, Professor Eugene Skolnikoff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and United Nations University and Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 20 November 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 97 (A/C.2/55/L.25), 92 (a) and (b),
93 (a) and (b) and 30 (Implementation of the United
Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in
the 1990s, including measures and recommendations
agreed upon at the mid-term review))

1.15 a.m. - Conference
3 p.m. closed meeting Room 9
6 p.m. - Conference
10 p.m. closed meeting Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP

AD HOC WORKING GROUP

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m. - Conference
10 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies, representatives of non-governmental organizations, the media and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by a Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2001) on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

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| 10 a.m. | 70th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
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1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/122)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.22)
 2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489, A/55/520)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.32)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 36th meeting | Trusteeship
Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations
(closed) | Conference
Room 6 |

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations
(closed) | Conference
Rooms 3 and 5 |
| 3 p.m. | 30th meeting | Conference
Room 3 |
| Afternoon* | informal consultations
(closed) | Conference
Room 5 |

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 34th meeting | Conference
Room 2 |
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference
Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference
Room 10 |

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The 254th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10.30 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Committee, *inter alia*, will consider draft resolutions on the question of Palestine.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be open from Monday, 20 November, through Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

There will be a meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing their annual Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on the following dates: Monday, 27 November from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 28 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 29 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be Members of the Security Council in 2001. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 22 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

65th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, the United Kingdom, Angola, Indonesia, Turkey, Togo, Spain, Lao People's Democratic Republic, New Zealand, China, Canada, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Myanmar, the United Arab Emirates, Burkina Faso, Venezuela, Portugal, Egypt (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Italy, Brazil, Kenya, the Czech Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

Denmark, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Belarus, Belgium, Colombia, Malta, Kyrgyzstan, Romania, Cyprus, Yemen, San Marino, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Mongolia, the Gambia and Nigeria.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly of the following addition to its programme of work: on Friday, 1 December 2000, in the afternoon, the General Assembly will consider agenda item 175 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflicts) and on Monday, 4 December 2000, in the afternoon, the Assembly will consider the reports of the Third Committee.

Friday, 17 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4226th (private) meeting

Briefing by the Secretary-General

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4226th meeting, held in private on 17 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by the Secretary-General.'"

"The Security Council heard a briefing by the Secretary-General."

"The members of the Council and the Secretary-General had a constructive discussion."

4227th meeting

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Canada, Bangladesh, Argentina, China, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Namibia, Malaysia, Mali and Ukraine.

The President made concluding remarks.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

66th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea (on behalf of Australia, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Sa-

moa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu), Thailand, Uruguay, Antigua and Barbuda, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Hungary, Slovenia, Costa Rica, Honduras, the Philippines, Pakistan, Malaysia, Lesotho, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Panama, Paraguay, Nicaragua, the United Republic of Tanzania and Lithuania.

67th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 67th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/226).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

29th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/443 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/531).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Malta, Cyprus and Norway) and the Philippines (on behalf of ASEAN Countries).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Committee was informed that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 22 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

United Nations common system [124]

United Nations pension system [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs made a statement.

The Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 124, United Nations common system, would begin on that day, 17 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Manlan Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire) and that the informal consultations on agenda item 125, United Nations pension system, would be announced at a later date.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

33rd meeting

Observer Status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14 as orally amended by the Chairman at the 32nd meeting.

The representative of Sweden made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 172.

Observer Status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly [184]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 184.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163]

The representative of the Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7 and made oral amendments.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7, as orally amended, without a vote.

The representative of Colombia spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1, as orally amended, without a vote.

The representative of Hungary spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 163.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17

The representative of Canada spoke.

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Australia (CAT/C/25/Add.11). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

445th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Belarus (CAT/C/34/Add.12). Representatives of State party replied to the questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2000

62nd and 63rd meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Finland (E/C.12/4/Add.1). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States

Mauritania
H.E. Mr. Mahfoudh Ould Deddach

Asian States

Kyrgyzstan
H.E. Ms. Elmira S. Ibraimova

Eastern European States

Slovenia
H.E. Mr. Ernest Petri

Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil
H.E. Mr. Gelson Fonseca, Jr.

Western European and other States

Germany
H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

4229th meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

3.30 p.m.

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

The situation in Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.

70th plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/122)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.22/Rev.1)
2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or re-stored democracies [39]
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489, A/55/520)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.32)

*Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on agenda item 182
(Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit)*

3 p.m. 3rd meeting (closed) Conference Room 1

To consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly"

[The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925 and will also be available in the Conference Room.]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - informal consultations Conference Room 6
6 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)) and A/C.2/55/L.35 (item 97)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - informal consultations Conference Room 3
11.30 a.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

10 a.m. - informal consultations Conference Room 6
1 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations of the Third and Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 "Human rights" (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3))

11.30 a.m. - informal consultations Conference Room 5
1 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 Vols. I, III, IV and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))

3 p.m. 30th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126] (A/55/436, A/55/469 and A/C.5/55/23)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account (A/55/353)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133] (A/55/477 and A/55/624)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon* - informal consultations Conference Room 5
6 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 138 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/55/482 and A/55/516))

6.30 p.m. - informal consultations Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR); Request for a subvention to the UNIDIR resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2001
2. Report of the Panel on United Nations peace operations (*continued*)
3. Revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice; section 32, Staff assessment; and income section 1, Income from staff assessment
4. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the ICSC

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	254th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
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Consideration, inter alia, of draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 21 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.31 (item 95 (f)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.24 (item 97), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.25 (item 97), from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho), today, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 94 (c)) (Culture and development)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 93 (a)) (Industrial development cooperation) (A/C.2/55/L.22)

1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

ISLAMIC GROUP (at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on environmental issues)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships))

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will be held today, 21 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) today, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 November 20

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

11 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 2
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Human rights [14]

Report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The thirty-fifth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The 14th meeting* of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

* The meeting will be preceded, by an informal briefing by the Executive Coordinator on the progress of preparation of the Secretary-General policy report to the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, from 10 a.m. 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

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The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935, e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD-COP(4) I and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Wednesday, 22 November 2000, in the afternoon* in Conference Room 8.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing their annual Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on the following dates: Monday, 27 November from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 28 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 29 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be Members of the Security Council in 2001. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 22 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 17 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

67th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana, Djibouti, Poland, Fiji, Ghana, Azerbaijan, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkmenistan, Ecuador, Kuwait, Tunisia, Cambodia, the Dominican Republic, Nauru, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Israel, Nepal, Bulgaria, Chile, Albania, El Salvador, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Sudan, Grenada, Greece, the Marshall Islands, Ethiopia, the Russian Federation, Iraq and Cameroon.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 59.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that consideration of agenda item 43 (The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development), originally scheduled for Wednesday, 22 November 2000, was postponed to a future date.

Monday, 20 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4228th (private) meeting

The situation in East Timor

Report of the Security Council Mission to East Timor and Indonesia (S/2000/1105)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4228th meeting, held in private on 20 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in East Timor.'

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, representatives of the Troop-Contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) were invited to be present at the meeting.

"The Security Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Martin Andjaba, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations, Head of the Security Council Mission to East Timor and Indonesia, who introduced the mission's report (S/2000/1105).

"The members of the Council had a preliminary discussion of the report."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

68th plenary meeting

A statement on the occasion of the eleventh African Industrialization Day

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [51]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 51 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 51.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/55/435) [53]

The General Assembly took note of the fifth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey), Norway, the United Republic of Tanzania, Swaziland, Lesotho, South Africa, Rwanda, Benin, the United States and Nigeria.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 53.

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [52]

(a) *Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the seventh annual report of the International Tribunal* (A/55/273)

(b) *Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council* (A/55/382)

The General Assembly took note of the seventh annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey), Croatia, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, the Russian Federation and the United States.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 52.

69th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 69th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/227).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

35th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions external debt crisis and development [92 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Training and research [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Additional sponsors

France joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24 (item 97) on behalf of the European Union.

Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1

The representative of Lebanon made a statement regarding the voting on the draft resolution.

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101]

Following a statement by the Chairman on behalf of the Bureau, the Committee decided to postpone its consideration of the item until the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event concluded its work.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first session

13th meeting

Organization of work

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Asda Jayanama (Thailand), made a statement regarding the organization of work.

Following a statement by the representative of Mexico, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel,
Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2000

446th meeting

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Canada (CAT/C/34/Add.13). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

The Committee adopted its concluding observations relating to the second periodic report of Armenia.

447th meeting

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee presented its concluding observations on Armenia.

The Committee then continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Australia (CAT/C/25/Add.11). Representatives of State party replied to the questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2000

448th meeting

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Cameroon (CAT/C/17/Add.22). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

The Committee then adopted its concluding observations relating to the third periodic report of Belarus.

449th meeting

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee presented its concluding observations on Belarus.

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Canada (CAT/C/34/Add.13). Representatives of State party replied to the questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**International Covenant on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights**

**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2000

64th and 65th meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Belgium (E/1990/6/Add.18). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2000

66th (closed) meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Belgium (E/1990/6/Add.18). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

67th (closed) meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee held a preliminary discussion on the concluding observations on Belgium.

The Committee then discussed the procedure to be adopted concerning Yugoslavia, who will not send a delegation to the consideration of its report, Nigeria (previous request for an early report) and Israel (previous report for additional information on the implementation of economic, social and cultural rights in the occupied territories).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification Slovakia (17 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 21 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m. -
1 p.m.

1444th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

3 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. -

11 a.m.

36th meeting

Conference
Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development

Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [94 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.8 and L.37

3. Environment and sustainable development: Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa [95 (e)]

A/C.2/55/L.14 and L.34

Afternoon* - informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2 (item 92 (e))

* Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 31st meeting Conference
Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126] (A/55/436, A/55/469 and A/C.5/55/23)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account (A/55/353)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning* - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (A/55/443 and Corr.1 and A/55/531))

3 p.m. - informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - General Assembly
6 p.m. 36th meeting Hall

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Executive session on the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). Request for a subvention to the UNIDIR resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2001
3. Executive session on the revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice; section 32, Staff assessment, and income section 1, Income from staff assessment
4. Executive session on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the ICSC

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 4

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 4

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL
EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first substantive session

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| 3 p.m. | 14th meeting | Conference
Room 2 |
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- Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2]
Action on draft proposal A/AC.257/L.4
 - Draft Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee
 - Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1)
 - Closure of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS
PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING,
STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER
APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-fifth session

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| 10 a.m. -
1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference
Room 6 |
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[The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States and Uruguay.]

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

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| 11 a.m. -
1 p.m. | 48th meeting | Conference
Room 2 |
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Human rights [14]

Report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S.5/5 and E/2000/112 Add.1-E/CN.4/S.5/5/Add.1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 22 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (point 95 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/55/L.24 (item 97), from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room 7: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 22 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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ARAB GROUP

11 a.m. -
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room B

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

12 noon -
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 8

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. -
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 92 (e) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) (A/C.2/55/L.2))

2 p.m. -
3 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on environmental issues)

6 p.m. -
10 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place *today*, 22 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on draft resolution A/55/L.32 under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new and restored democracies) *today*, 22 November 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room E.

Briefing

An informal briefing by the Executive Coordinator on the progress of preparation of the Secretary-General policy report to the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held *today*, 22 November 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday,
23 November 2000, *official holiday*.]

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and Observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to Room S-3350 at United Nations Headquarters.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Wednesday, 29 November to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of Films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds". Both films will be shown on Wednesday, 29 November, at 1 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and at the exhibit area, throughout the duration of the exhibit.

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List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing their annual Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on the following dates: Monday, 27 November from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 28 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 29 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be Members of the Security Council in 2001. The registration deadline is today, 22 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hedi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 20 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

69th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 65, 66 and 67, 68 to 81.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/55/551) [65]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee on agenda item 65 (A/55/551).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States: maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/552) [66 and 67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/552) (resolution 55/27).

The representative of Yugoslavia made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda items 66 and 67.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/554) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/554) (resolution 55/28).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/555) [69]

By 97 votes to 46, with 21 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/555) (resolution 55/29).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/556) [70]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/556) (resolution 55/30).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/55/557) [71]

By 111 votes to 0, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/557) (resolution 55/31).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/55/558) [72]

By 163 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/558) (resolution 55/32).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/559) [73]

The Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to Y recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 77 of its report (A/55/559).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 A)	97	0	65
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 B)	88	5	66
Draft resolution C Fifteenth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	160	3	1
Draft resolution C Operative paragraph 16 (recorded vote)	161	0	4

Draft resolution C as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 C)	154	3	8
Draft resolution D (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 D)	163	1	3
Draft resolution E (resolution 55/33 E)	adopted		
Draft resolution F (resolution 55/33 F)	adopted		
Draft resolution G (resolution 55/33 G)	adopted		
Draft resolution H (resolution 55/33 H)	adopted		
Draft resolution I Operative paragraph 3 (the words "and South Asia") (recorded vote)	152	1	10
Draft resolution I Operative paragraph 3 (as a whole) (recorded vote)	155	1	9
Draft resolution I as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 I)	159	4	5
Draft resolution J (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 J)	163	0	5
Draft resolution K (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 K)	165	0	4
Draft resolution L (resolution 55/33 L)	adopted		
Draft resolution M (resolution 55/33 M)	adopted		
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 N)	110	45	14
Draft resolution O (resolution 55/33 O)	adopted		
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 P)	163	1	1
Draft resolution Q (resolution 55/33 Q)	adopted		

Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 8 (recorded vote)	150	2	10
Draft resolution R as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 R)	155	1	12
Draft resolution S (resolution 55/33 S)	adopted		
Draft resolution T Operative paragraph 9 (recorded vote)	150	2	15
Draft resolution T as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 T)	109	39	20
Draft resolution U Fifth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	149	2	10
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	147	3	11
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 5 (b) (recorded vote)	147	3	13
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 7 (recorded vote)	144	0	17
Draft resolution U as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 U)	149	0	16
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 V)	143	0	22
Draft resolution W (resolution 55/33 W)	adopted		
Draft resolution X Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	162	4	1
Draft resolution X as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 X)	119	28	22
Draft resolution Y (resolution 55/33 Y)	adopted		

The representative of Djibouti made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 78 of its same report (A/55/559).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Mongolia and Japan.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 73.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/55/560) [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to H recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/55/560).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (resolution 55/34 A)			adopted
Draft resolution B (resolution 55/34 B)			adopted
Draft resolution C (resolution 55/34 C)			adopted
Draft resolution D (resolution 55/34 D)			adopted
Draft resolution E (resolution 55/34 E)			adopted
Draft resolution F (resolution 55/34 F)			adopted
Draft resolution G (recorded vote) (resolution 55/34 G)	109	43	16
Draft resolution H (resolution 55/34 H)			adopted

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/55/561) [75]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to C recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/55/561).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (resolution 55/35 A)			adopted
Draft resolution B (resolution 55/35 B)			adopted

Draft resolution C
(resolution 55/35 C) adopted

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/562) [76]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/55/562).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	158	2	5
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/36)	157	3	8

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/55/563) [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/563) (resolution 55/37).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/55/564) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/564) (resolution 55/38).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/55/565) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/565) (resolution 55/39).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/55/566) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/566) (resolution 55/40).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/55/567) [81]

By 161 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/567) (resolution 55/41).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children: draft resolution (A/55/L.34/Rev.1) [42]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 42.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.34/Rev.1 (resolution 55/26).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 42.

Tuesday, 21 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4229th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Judge Claude Jorda, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991, Judge Navanethem Pillay, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994, and Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed

in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991 and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by the President of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Prosecutor of the International Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, France, Canada, the United Kingdom, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, China, Jamaica, Ukraine, Mali, Namibia and Tunisia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

The Prosecutor and the Presidents of the Tribunals provided clarifications in response to the comments and questions by members of the Council.

4230th meeting

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/34).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

70th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/122)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.22/Rev.1)*

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.22/Rev.1.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.22/Rev.1 (resolution 55/42).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]

(a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489 and A/55/520)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.32)*

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.32.

The representative of Benin made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.32.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Ukraine, Belarus, Mongolia, Yemen, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Mali, Cuba, the Philippines, Nigeria, Nepal, Indonesia and Norway.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998, the observer for the International Organization of La Francophonie made a statement.

The President informed the Assembly that at the request of the sponsors of draft resolution A/55/L.32 action on the draft resolution was postponed until Monday, 27 November 2000 as the first item.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

30th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the annual report of that Office (A/55/436) and the other related reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/469 and A/C.5/55/23).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 126.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway) and the Russian Federation.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to a question raised.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/55/353).

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/477).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/624).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway) and India.

The Controller made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later

date, under the chairmanship of the Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the list of items/issues that are before the Committee and that would require action by the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-fifth session.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Mexico, Egypt, the Philippines, France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada, China, the United States, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan and New Zealand.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed, that the Chairman of the Fifth Committee address a letter to the President of the General Assembly requesting an extension of the work of the Fifth Committee until Wednesday, 20 December.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

The Chairman spoke.

35th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

The Chairman spoke.

The representative of Canada, as coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17 made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

254th meeting

Consideration of the draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions on the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Division for Palestinian Rights, the Special information programme on the question of Palestine and on Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

The representatives of Qatar and India made statements.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2000

450th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Guatemala (CAT/C/49/Add.2). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

The Committee adopted its concluding observations relating to the second periodic report of Australia.

451st meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee presented its concluding observations on Australia.

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Cameroon (CAT/C/17/Add.22). Representatives of State party replied to the questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Twenty-fourth session
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68th and 69th meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee considered the issue of Yugoslavia, in light of the request for postponement of the consideration of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The Committee decided to assist the State party in the preparation of a new report by the new Government, which is due on June 30, 2002.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Ratification United States of America (17 November 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval European Community (17 November 2000)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Signature Congo (21 November 2000)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention and articles 1 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY, 10017, (fax No. (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.